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SUBJ: FIRST CT ATTACK ON DISTRICT CAPITOL IN THE NORTHEAST

FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION BANGKOK INFO CHIANG MAI JAN 27

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SUBJECT: FIRST CT ATTACK ON DISTRICT CAPITOL IN THE NORTHEAST

1. MORNING OF JAN 27, UDORN DEPUTY GOVERNOR SAISIT PHORNKEO TOLD CONSUL THAT ON JAN 25 AT 2310 HOURS APPROXIMATELY 200 INSURGENTS RAIDED DISTRICT CAPITOL OF NAM SOM DISTRICT IN UDORN. THE BATTLE REPORTEDLY LASTED UNTIL 0300 JAN 26 WITH ONE POLICEMAN WOUNDED AND NO KNOWN CT CASUALTIES. CT USED ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS. THEY HIT DISTRICT POLICE STATION AND POWER PLANT AND FIRED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

2. SAISIT SAID THIS WAS FIRST ATTACK ON A DISTRICT CAPITOL IN THE NORTHEAST AND THE SECOND IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSURGENCY. (HE SAID FIRST SUCH ATTACK WAS IN THUNG YAI DISTRICT, NAKHOM SRI THAMMARAT ON JAN 23, 1976).

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3. DEPUTY GOVERNOR IS CONVINCED NAM SOM AND THUNG YAI

ATTACKS REPRESENT CONSCIOUS ATTEMPT BY INSURGENTS TO RAISE THE ANTE BY ATTACKING THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN ADDITION TO POLICE AND MILITARY OUTPOSTS. HE EXPECTED OTHER SUCH ATTACKS, POSSIBLY IN SUWANNAL KHUHA OR NONG WUA SAW OF UDORN.

4. COMMENT: TWO HUNDRED CT FIGURE IS PROBABLY INFLATED. A FOUR HOUR BATTLE WITH ALMOST NO CASUALTIES ALSO STRAINS THE IMAGINATION. NEVERTHELESS, ATTACK COULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE IN CT TACTICS, PARTICULARLY IF AS SAISIT SUGGESTED THE ATTACKS IN DISTRICT CAPITOLS IN THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTH ARE RELATED.

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